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SUBJ: ANTARTIC TREATY- MARINE LIVING RESOURCES AT EXPANDED
PREPARATORY MEETING

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1. EMBOFF PRESENTED TALKING POINTS BASED ON REFTEL TO R.
CREEK, ACTING DIRECTOR, LOS/ANTARCTICA SECTION, DFA.
2. CREEK STATED THAT GOA HAD BEEN DEVOTING CONSIDERABLE
EFFORT TO THE QUESTION OF MARINE LIVING RESOURCES AT
FORTHCOMING PREPARATORY MEETING AND THAT THEIR FEELING
ESSENTIALLY THAT OF US; VIS THAT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF
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ISSUE AT MEETING ESSENTIAL WITH PARTIES HAVING DONE THEIR
HOMEWORK. CREEK SAID THAT GOA HAD COME UP WITH SOME
TENTATIVE ANSWERS TO U.S. QUESTIONNAIRE AND THAT AUSTRALIAN
DELEGATION WOULD BE WELL BRIEFED ON THIS MATTER AND
POSSIBLY WOULD BE ABLE TABLE DOCUMENT.

3. AUSTRALIANS NOW TENTATIVELY PLANNING INCLUDE FISHERIES

EXPERT IN THEIR DELEGATION TO LONDON, (P. RYAN ASSISTANT SECRETARY, POLICY, FISHERIES DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY, WHO NOW IN NEW YORK AS PART OF AUSTRALIAN LOS TEAM). CREEK SAID THAT PRIOR TO MAKING FINAL DECISION AS TO WHETHER SEND RYAN THEY HAD SOUGHT ANSWERS FROM TREATY CAPITALS TO FOLLOWING THREE QUESTIONS:

(1) WAS COUNTRY IN QUESTION PREPARED DISCUSS PROBLEM OF MARINE RESOURCES AT A SUBSTANTIVE LEVEL;

(2) HAD COUNTRY DEVELOPED ANY FIRM ANSWERS TO U.S. QUESTIONNAIRE; AND

(3) WAS COUNTRY PLANNING SEND FISHERIES EXPERT;

CREEK SHOWED EMOTION DISAPPOINTINGLY MIXED BAG OF TELEGRAMS FROM CAPITALS ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

USSR- HOPE TO BE ABLE TO TALK ON SUBSTANTIVE LEVEL,

WILL SEND A FISHERIES EXPERT; ARGENTINA; WISH TO KEEP

TALK AT VERY GENERAL LEVEL, WILL NOT SEND EXPERT;

NORWAY- DISCUSSIONS ON MARINE RESOURCES ISSUE STILL AT INITIAL STAGE, WITH QUESTION OF EXPERT STILL OPEN;

BELGIUM - HAVE NOT REALLY FOCUSED ON MATTER, AS THEIR

EXPERT CURRENTLY AT LOS MEETINGS; JAPAN - HAVE

DISCUSSED QUESTION IN DETAIL, BUT HAVE NOT YET

DECIDED ON OFFICIAL BRIEF, EXPERT WILL BE INCLUDED;

NEW ZEALAND - HAVE GIVEN CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT TO

PROBLEM, NOT NOW PLANNING SEND EXPERT, BUT MIGHT IF IT

APPEARS OTHERS WILL; FRANCE - HAVE GIVEN CONSIDERABLE

THOUGHT TO PROBLEM, ONE PROBLEM OF THEIR DELEGATION

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IS RATHER EXPERT ON THESE MATTERS, HAVE NOT PREPARED RESPONSE TO U.S. QUESTIONNAIRE; AND CHILE - NOT " TOO MUCH FUSS" ABOUT QUESTION AT PREPARATORY MEETING AS THEY CANNOT SEE PREPARATORY MEETING GETTING INTO A TERRIBLY DEEP DISCUSSION ON THIS ISSUE, AS SUCH DISCUSSION SHOULD MORE PROPERLY COME DURING SEPTEMBER MEETING.

4. AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION TO LONDON MEETING, IN ADDITION TO RYAN, WHO STILL PROBLEMATIC, WILL CONSIST OF: AMBASSADOR K.G. BREMAN, AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND; E. LAUTERPACHT, LEGAL ADVISOR, DFA; AND M.J. MCKEOWN, DIRECTOR, LOS/ANTARCTICA SECTION, DFA.

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